AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 0052 with the following amended paragraph:

[0052] The described network elements include line cards and control cards executing the described processes. The line cards and control cards of the network elements include memories, processors, and/or Application Specific Integrated Circuits ("ASICs"). Such memory includes a machine-readable medium on which is stored a set of instructions (i.e., software) embodying anyone, or all, of the methodologies described herein. Software can reside, completely or at least partially, within this memory and/or within the processor and/or ASICs. For the purpose of this specification, the term "machine-readable medium" shall be taken to include any mechanism that provides (i.e., stores and/or transmits) information in a form readable by a machine (e.g., a computer). For example, a machine-readable medium includes read only memory ("ROM"), random access memory ("RAM"), magnetic disk storage media, optical storage media, and flash memory devices, electrical, optical, acoustical, or other form of propagated signals (e.g., carrier waves, infrared signals, digital signals, etc.), etc.